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To Consumer and Stakeholders Interested in California's Olmstead Planning Process:

As part of California's ongoing evaluation of ways to improve community living services for persons with disabilities, we will be drafting an Olmstead Plan this fall. The Plan will draw on the work of the Long Term Care Council over the last two years, input from the Olmstead Forums being held throughout the state, and data regarding our existing service systems.

The Long Term Care Council is convening a Work Group to participate in developing the plan. In order to ensure that we have available both a broad representation of stakeholder interests and a detailed knowledge of the programs serving persons with disabilities, the workgroup will be composed of state staff and representatives of consumers, providers, and other stakeholders.

I invite your participation. My goal is to allow for the participation of all stakeholders who wish to do so. In order to enable us to hear the greatest diversity of voices, I ask that each stakeholder organization designate one individual to speak on its behalf. I also encourage individual consumers themselves, and their family members, to participate. Consumers will be reimbursed for their costs of attendance.

We intend our efforts to produce substantial improvements in the availability of community living options for persons with disabilities. Consequently, we are looking for individuals who have direct, real-world experience in developing, operating, and using community options, as well as those with experience in transitioning individuals from institutions to community homes. The first Work Group meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2002. Directions to the meeting are included on the attached Request to Participate.

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Please email the attached form by September 27 to our Olmstead planning address – olmstead@chhs.ca.gov – or fax the form to 916-654-3343. If you have any questions, please contact Robert Schladale, Assistant Secretary, at 916-653-2175 or via the olmstead e-mail addressed noted above. Thank you for your interest in this important endeavor.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Grantland Johnson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

GRANTLAND JOHNSON
Secretary